

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Lenten Thoughts

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

We are now in the season of Lent which is the forty days before Easter excluding Sundays. The forty days represent the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. Traditionally it is the custom of Christians to pray and fast during the forty days. Also to be in an attitude of repentance for their sins and to seek forgiveness. Many Christians also practice acts of charity and give more to help their neighbors.

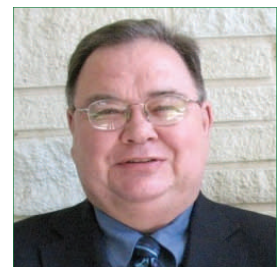
Our church is having some special services during Lent, especially during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday there will be an enactment of the Lord's Supper. This will begin at 7 p.m. On Good Friday there will be a service that begins at 7 p.m. Our Prayer Vigil begins at 8 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and continues till 8 p.m. on Good Friday.

Every one is invited and welcomed to attend any of these activities.

On March 8th a new services will begin at Oaks which will be an evening service. It will be every Sunday at 5 p.m. It is being called "The Service at Five". The music for this service will be praise music that will be more upbeat and contemporary. Everyone is welcome to come and worship at 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings. We will still be worshipping on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

Have a blessed season of Lent and may god bless you.

Reverend Randy Burke



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Remember to order your Easter Lily by Sunday, April 5, 2009. Order forms in Sunday bulletin.

*Remember Daylight Savings Time is March 8, 2009!



OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2009



March Birthdays

Emily Whitley	1
Ben Whisman	3
Pam Cox, Maxine Dorsey, Jon Mizula, Eva Pena	4
Art Pintsch, Joan Roberts	5
Linda Dalmasso	6
Al Dean	7
Carole Green, Joann Winner	11
Ernest Sulak	12
Catherine Jones	13
Keith Murray	19
Bailey Scantlin	19
Sara Luna	21
Leroy Rogers	24



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bread Sunday	2 CWF- Bible Study - Esther/Beth Moore	3 CWF - Service 10:00 a.m.	4 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	5 Newsletter Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study	6 	7 Heights Crawfish Festival
8 Board Meeting Scrap booking - Crafting 1ST SUN EVENING SERVICE 5:00 p.m.	9 CWF- Bible Study - Esther/Beth Moore	10 Love Meals - 10:00 a.m.	11 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	12 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15 CMF - Lunch after service (Stew) Birthday Sunday	16 Kris in recital. 7:00 p.m.	17 Visitation - Meet at church 11:00 for lunch. Visitation at 1:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day	18 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	19 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	20	21 Church Clean Up Day 9-1 w/ Lunch provided
22 CMF - Lunch for Church Scrap booking - Crafting	23 CWF- Bible Study Esther/Beth Moore	24 CWF/CMF General Meeting. Covered Dish	25 CWF - Holly Hall Book Review - 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	26 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30 CWF- Bible Study Esther/Beth Moore	31 CWF - Trip to Brookwood				

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in March. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

A Note from Verna Lamb

"Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall March 8 and March 22, 2009.



And March Anniversaries

Richard and Crystal Smith	12
Louis E. and Denise Luna	14
Gale and Julie Clawson	19



Church Office - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.

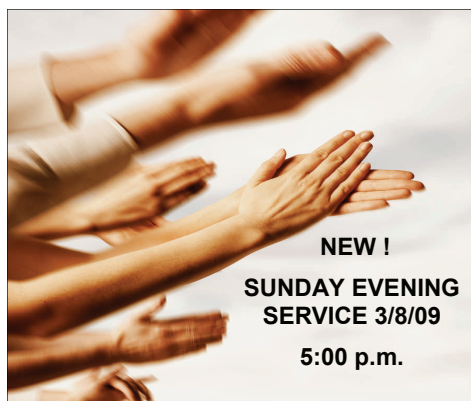


Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home

Jesus Loves You!



CMF - will host a lunch for the church on March 15 after service. Please make plans to attend for some Stew and fellowship.



NEW !
SUNDAY EVENING
SERVICE 3/8/09
5:00 p.m.

Announcements, Church Attendance, and Treasurer's Report

Worship Chair - Sally Johnson

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

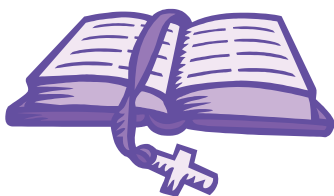
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATE

1. Weekly Lenten Acknowledgement (Candle Snuffing)
opportunity to participate by reading meditation during services, see Sally Johnson
2. Prayer Vigil 24 hour—opportunity to pray at church in 30 minute cycles, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday.
See signup sheet here for both prayer time and Angels.
3. Palm Sunday (April 5) 
4. Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. (April 9) 
5. Good Friday 7:00 p.m. (April 10) 
6. Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. (April 12) 
7. Easter Sunday Service (April 12) 

The choir will present special music at each service during Holy Week, don't miss their beautiful offering to God and us.

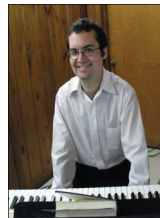
Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study

The ongoing Bible study started January 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The study consists of videos by Ray Vander Laan and discussion of the material presented. Study books are \$8.00. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to purchase one.



The women of the church are having a Beth Moore, Bible Study on the Study of Esther. They meet in the Kitchen on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The study books are \$15 each. It started February 16 and is an 11 week course. Come and join them.

Per Lester Baker - There will be a small service honoring Durene Stewart's life at her daughters on **Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** The service will be held at Durene's daughter, Durenda Hall in Sweeny Texas. The address is 926 FM 524, Sweeny Texas 77480. This is about 3 miles west of Sweeny on right side of FM 524.



Wonderful news...Kris Wettstein, Oak's organist/pianist, will be in recital at Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall, Monday, March 16, 2009, 8:00 p.m., . The bus will not be available, however, we will be car-pooling. So lets all make plans to attend this special occasion for Kris.

January Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of January 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
January 4	18	69
January 11	22	70
January 18	25	63
January 25	25	73
TOTALS	90	275

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	November	December	January
Deposits	\$8,104.60	\$15,285.68	Not available
Disbursements	(\$12,981.80)	(\$12,495.44)	Not available
Difference	(\$4,877.20)	\$2,790.24	Not available

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Bound Together in Love



MARCH 8 event to benefit MANNA Food Pantry, Shop

Pat H. Foley Funeral Directors, a Dignity Memorial Funeral Home Provider, is sponsoring a food drive from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, benefiting the MANNA Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

MANNA offers limited help for emergencies, including clothing, food, rent, utilities, prescriptions, eye glasses and other emergencies.

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted. Also, the “drive-through” lanes will be open for drop-offs.

Pat H. Foley Funeral Directors is located at 1200 West 34th.

Remember to “Spring Forward” Saturday night so as not to miss this event.



Board Happenings - Albert Green, Board Chair

Friendly Reminder: There will be a Board meeting immediately following Church services on Sunday February 8, 2009. Thank you.